

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1061

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to commend Bobby W. Sands for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Representative for the 64th House District during the 100th, 101st and 102nd General Assemblies.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens, both through community activism and in public office at the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bobby W. Sands is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born October 5, 1950 in Lynnville in Giles County, Bobby Sands attended public schools, graduating from Jones High School in 1968; he attended Middle Tennessee State University, where he was President of the Student Body, graduating in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sands decided to pursue a career in law, and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1979; while there, he was President of the UT Student Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Sands is a veteran of the United States Army, having served valiantly in the 101st Airborne Division; he is a partner in the law firm of Fleming, Flynn and Sands; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sands is a highly respected citizen of Maury County and a valuable member of the Columbia community; deeply involved in local affairs, he is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Power and Water Systems, past President of the Columbia Kiwanis Club, past President of the Maury County Bar Association, a member of the Tennessee and Maury County Cattlemen's Associations, the Maury County Farm Bureau, and Advisory Board member of First Farmers and Merchants Bank; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Sands served astutely as Assistant District Attorney for the 22nd Judicial District from 1980-85, and followed that office with distinguished service as City Judge of the Town of Spring Hill from 1986-2000; besides his important governmental service, he served as a Little League Coach from 1994-96; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as the 64th House District's Representative to the Tennessee General Assembly, Representative Sands has distinguished as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his district and the State of Tennessee; he served in the 100th through the 102nd General Assemblies as a member of the House Commerce Committee, the House Education Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, serving as Secretary of the Judiciary Committee during the 102nd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Sands' superlative leadership skills, as manifested in his many roles ranging from civic organizations to elected office, have been demonstrated by the many awards he has won, including the 1997 Friend of Agriculture Award of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, the 1998 Kiwanis Golden K Man of the Year Award, the 1998 Tennessee School Boards Association Legislative Award, the 1999 County Officials Association Outstanding Legislator Award, the 2000 Tennessee Development Districts Association Legislator of the Year Award, the 2000 Long Rifle Award of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America,

and the 2000 Friend of Children Award, given by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, Representative Sands' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Sands is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Sands is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his lovely wife, the former Beth Rambo of Fayetteville, and their three sons, Rob, David and Lee; Bobby and Beth are active and committed members of the First United Methodist Church of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, our distinguished colleague and dear friend has chosen not to seek reelection from the 64th House District in favor of pursuing another elective office; we will miss his astute council and warm comradeship among us; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bobby W. Sands is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Representative Bobby W. Sands for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as member of the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly from the 64th House District and salute his unswerving commitment to rendering public service of the highest order with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer Representative Sands our best wishes for every success, happiness and satisfaction in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.